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In re Application of:

Applicant	: Male et al.	
Appln. No.	: 10/658,032	Confirmation No: 2069
Filed	: September 9, 2003	Group Art Unit: 3752
Title	: FLEXIBLE SHOWER ARM ASSEMBLY	Examiner: Bui, Thach H.

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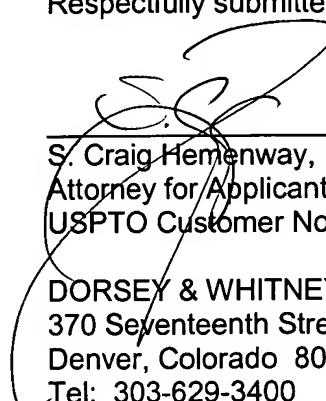
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